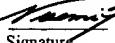


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In response to the Final Office Action of August 12, 2005, in connection with the above-identified application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.